

Memorandum for the Record

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Chief, Management Branch, A&M

Cooperation with Library of Congress

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1. This morning [redacted] and I met with Mr. Krould of the Library of Congress to discuss the possible continuance of the Foreign Publications Acquisition Committee. Krould, saying that he represented the Library of Congress viewpoint, was anxious to have the FPAC continued as an intelligence documents procurement committee. He stated that he, Dr. Evans, and Dr. Clapp of the Library of Congress did not consider this activity primarily of library concern, and that CIA should, therefore, take the initiative to legalize such a committee.

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2. [redacted] and I pointed out that CIA was willing to support the committee to the extent of furnishing a secretariat, but did not think that CIA was at all interested in taking the initiative to secure legislation or an Executive Order to establish the committee.

3. Mr. Krould also suggested the establishment of an interdepartmental research committee which would operate through the Library of Congress in development of research projects, universities and other similar institutions. [redacted] and I pointed out that we did not consider this as primarily a library concern, nor were we willing to get involved in another intelligence committee to perform a function which CIA can and will perform for itself and will be in a position to coordinate the efforts of other intelligence agencies along these lines.

4. It is my personal opinion that Krould does not necessarily represent the official views of the Library of Congress, and has a personal "axe to grind" in that he hopes to head up these "intelligence committees."

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